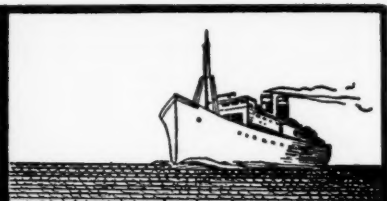


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The Congo Free State

By WILLIAM H. RUSCH

THE early stamps of Congo bear the inscription *Etat Independent du Congo*. This territory was once, just as the inscription on the stamp implies, an independent state. The Congo is that great basin of Central Africa, nearly one million square miles in area, through which the Congo River and its tributaries flow. It is populated almost entirely by natives who are, for the most part, cannibals and heathens. The first great explorer of this region was Henry M. Stanley who is shown on a number of stamps of Congo (Scott's A45).

Interested by the explorations of Stanley and the other explorers, Leopold II of Belgium considered plans for the

financial aid to the movement. Leopold saw to it that Belgium contributed the greater part, and soon the association was a Belgian organization.

Now, Leopold had things pretty much to his liking when Portugal claimed that she had first discovered the Congo and was entitled to own it. To consider this claim, another conference was held in 1884. This conference recognized, to the disgust of Portugal, an independent Congo Free State. But the nations taking part in this conference still thought it was to be an "international" area and that all nations would have the right to trade there.

Leopold II of Belgium even from the first dominated the administration of

enough, the European powers registered, at first, no complaint strong enough to be heard.

In 1886, the first set of stamps was issued by Congo. The design showed a portrait of King Leopold. However, Leopold had been so autocratic that the European powers finally protested loudly. Monopolies had been created to exploit the Congo which was a rich country abounding in rubber, palm oil, and ivory. Rumors, both true and false, had been circulated about cruel treatment to the natives—whippings, slavery, and even murders.

Thus, the nations of the world protested the exploitation of the Congo,



exploitation of the Congo. He suggested to the leading nations of the world that they send representatives to a conference which would discuss the exploration and development of Africa. Many nations, including Great Britain, Germany, Russia, Austria, France, and Italy, joined with Belgium, and the conference was held in 1876.

This conference decided to form an international African association for the purposes of exploration and civilization



in Central Africa. This was a sort of international corporation, and any nation that desired to participate was to give



the Free State. In 1885, he declared himself King of the Independent State of Congo. However, this did not at all mean that the Congo had become a Belgian colony. Leopold began to rule his new kingdom as an absolute monarchy. It was as though he were owner of one vast plantation, and, surprisingly



and, in 1908, the Congo Free State was relieved of the rule of the king of Belgium and became a Belgian colony subject to the authority of the parliament of Belgium. Thereafter, on the stamps of Congo, no longer appeared the inscription, *Etat Independent du Congo*, but simply *Congo Belge*.

Columbus Promises Surprise For Annual Dinner

Collectors who attended the annual dinner of the Columbus Philatelic Club two years ago will be interested to learn that a complete entertainment program of the kind presented two years ago, is planned for this year's annual dinner to be held at the Virginia Hotel, Saturday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 P. M. A big surprise is promised for the evening, of something never before scheduled for an annual dinner, and it's guaranteed you will be more than pleased with this year's dinner entertainment.

The Annual opens with the bourse and exhibition on Saturday afternoon, approximately 80 frames of material from the member's collections being shown in a non-competitive exhibition. Dealers from Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky are expected for the bourse. The exhibition and bourse will be open following the dinner and all day Sunday, the 5th. So if you would like to spend a pleasant week-end philatelically, then plan to attend the Annual Dinner, Exhibition and Bourse of the Columbus Philatelic Club, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4 and 5. The club extends a hearty invitation to all collectors to join them on this occasion. In case you get in town early, the regular club meeting is on Friday evening, Feb. 2 at the Virginia and you are welcome to attend this also.

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Various changes in postal rates have been proposed. Congressman Maas of Minnesota introduced a bill (H. R. 82) to provide for the application of the 2-cent rate of first-class mail matter for delivery within the confines of any incorporated city and to contiguous cities. The establishing of special rates of postage for samples of merchandise is included in the bill (H. R. 266) presented by Congressman Hartley of New Jersey, while authorization of a special rate of postage on periodicals when sent by public libraries is suggested by Congressman Lanham of Texas (H. R. 1664).

In the Senate bill (S. 4) has been proposed by Senator Hayden of Arizona to prohibit the mailing of certain classes of unsolicited merchandise and a measure providing that manuscripts of authors' works may be carried in the mails as third-class or fourth-class matter (S. 332) is being sponsored by Senator Vandenburg of Michigan.

Congressman Keogh of New York proposed a bill (H. R. 998) to authorize the construction and use of underground pneumatic-tube service and several other measures improving the welfare of postal employees. One of these (H. R. 995) would provide study periods for post office clerks, terminal and transfer clerks. In addition, over a dozen measures affecting postal employees have been introduced by other Congressmen.

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Panama Constitution Error Sheet Found

An entire sheet of 25 of the 2c Panama U. S. Constitution commemorative stamp imperf horizontally has been found in their stock by the E. J. Frank Co. of Baltimore, Md. After finding this sheet among their purchases, the balance of the sheets they had were carefully scrutinized, but no other errors were found. It was reported that the entire issue of these stamps was sold out in the first two hours they were on sale, so the possibility of any more being found, in post offices is unlikely. This is the only error so far reported on this issue. This is also one of the few errors found on any of the Constitution issues. Others reported to date are the 50c Nicaragua also imperforate horizontally and the Spanish stamp both in regular and in miniature sheet with inverted surcharge.

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- 3c Golden Gate Exposition, Feb. 18 at San Francisco, Calif.
- 3c First Inaugural of Geo. Washington, April 30 at New York City.
- 3c New York World's Fair, April 30. City not determined.
- 3c 25th Anniversary of Panama Canal, August 15. City not determined.

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• PIZARRO has been dead four centuries and apparently the Post Office Department figures postal business at the Virginian office of that name is in the same deplorable state, so on February 15 the post office becomes dead officially and joins in rigor mortis the Conquistador of Peru.

• When the printer was setting up the surcharge for Sierra Leone's 1897 2½d provisionals, he ran out of figures, resulting in the sheet of the 2½ on 3d and 2½ on 6d having 44 of one type, 10 of another, 4 of a third and just two of the fourth. Apparently he had four fonts of the suitable size type but not enough of any one, or even three of them to set the sheet.

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BY STEPHEN G. RICH
Secretary Pro Tem

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A post card has been sent out by President Broderick of the Society of Philatelic Americans, informing the membership of the change of Secretary and that I am now Secretary Pro Tem of that Society. In view of the unfortunate personal squabbles which have been taking place within the S.P.A. I think it wise to furnish you, as I am furnishing every other stamp paper editor of whom I can think, the brief story of the situation.

In the summer of 1938 the S.P.A. had an election of officers and Board of Directors' members. Former Secretary Coes of the S.P.A. was on the ticket along with others. The real contest was for the office of Vice President. Mr. Coes did not stay out of the fight but actively worked for one candidate.

The Election Committee of the S.P.A. Convention at Chicago discovered serious irregularities in the way of votes cast in the name of members without their consent or even knowledge. The elimination of these and certain other illegal votes became necessary. Accordingly, instead of the election of the candidate for Vice President backed by Mr. Coes, his rival was elected by a large majority. I have it definitely in writing that the election would have gone this way even if every illegal vote had been counted.

Because of an unfortunate situation arising out of a misuse of an old resolution allowing payment of membership dues by stamps, there appeared to be a serious shortage in the monies of the Society. Without duress Mr. Coes signed agreements and acknowledged them on the floor of the Chicago Convention, in which he agreed to furnish the necessary information on this and other matters of the money passing thru his office or to resign within a brief period if he did not furnish the information.

Mr. Coes failed to make good on his agreement and on October 1, 1938, President Broderick asked for Mr. Coes' resignation. This resignation was accepted by vote of the Board of Directors by mail by October 10th. Mr. Coes thereupon tried to withdraw his resignation in spite of its having been accepted. Pending appointment of his successor Mr. Coes was allowed to continue his work of the Secretary's office. During this interval he and the defeated candidate for Vice President, Mr. C. R. Morse, of Knoxville, Tenn., devised ways

and means which they believed might save the job for Mr. Coes.

On November 19th, I was appointed Secretary Pro Tem of the S. P. A. by President Broderick. My instructions at that time were merely to secure the S.P.A. properties and monies from Mr. Coes and act as custodian until a permanent Secretary could be appointed for the remainder of the term and approved by the Board of Directors.

Two trips to Worcester, Mass., failed to secure results from Mr. Coes. Working with his Knoxville friend, Mr. Coes built up what he believes to be charges against practically all the officers and Board members of the S.P.A. These were submitted, not to the Board of Appeals of that Society but to the Chairman of a past Board of Appeals, no longer in office. The jurisdiction of such past Board has, of course, been denied and the attempts on the part of the past Board of Appeals to put charges into effect have been ignored or rebuffed, by all concerned.

A gathering to repel the insurrection fomented by Coes and Morse was called by Vice President Vining and President Broderick in Chicago, Illinois, on December 31st, 1938. At that gathering it was agreed that the future existence of the Society depends upon quashing this rebellion.

Accordingly, I was directed actually to proceed as Secretary and to reconstitute the Society and the Secretary while steps were being taken towards securing from Mr. Coes the records, money and other property which he continues to hold without proper right. The post card announcing me as Secretary was, therefore, sent out to all members of the S.P.A.

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Advertising copy must be in our hands on
the second Thursday preceding date of issue.

Editor's Notebook

LIGHT AT LAST Elsewhere in this issue we print an article by Stephen G. Rich, newly chosen Secretary Pro Tem of the Society of Philatelic Americans. This article in itself is self-explanatory, and we need not comment at length upon it. For the benefit of non-member and S.P.A. member as well, it might be mentioned that ever since the Chicago Convention, there have been recurring rumors of difficulties within the Society. Readers of the official organ were puzzled by the appearance of a brief notice of resignation of the Secretary, to be followed in subsequent issues by the usual listing and notes of the supposedly resigned Secretary. No explanation was even hinted at, which left everyone to figure it out as best they might. Came the postal card referred to in the first paragraph of the article and we had prepared an editorial asking what it was all about, when Mr. Rich's explanation arrived.

At the same time we are printing in its entirety the notice sent to all S.P.A. members by the other claimant to the office of Secretary, Frank L. Coes. In order to present a full, accurate statement of the claims of both sides in this unfortunate turn of affairs, we wrote Mr. Coes and asked for clarification of

his announcement, which was lacking in details. His brief reply did not add much information, other than the statement he considers himself as Secretary. It will be noted that both statements present a confusing claim, Mr. Rich stating Mr. Coes resignation had been accepted and Mr. Coes stating it was declined and withdrawn. We leave it to those of our readers interested to determine who is correct. LINN'S wishes to be fair and present the full story as told by each side and we have given both sides full advantage of the opportunity. However we do not propose to open our columns to protracted discussion of this controversy.

Some die-hards will question the wisdom of printing Mr. Rich's resume, in their attitude completely overlooking the fact that the policy of hushing troubles in our national societies has done them far more harm than if these difficulties were admitted publicly. It's an insult to the intelligence of their members to attempt to have the membership believe everything is always perfectly conducted. Trying to suppress or delay things unfavorable only piles up trouble, as witness the present S.P.A. difficulties. Neglect of duty has been a thing too often condoned by a mistaken preference for whitewashing as against just plain washing, and many a club, philatelic and otherwise has piled on the rocks because of it. What our societies need is recognition of the fact that society members are the last to know of the things regarding their society which they of all persons should know. There is but one way to correct this—publish the facts, and publish them promptly.

—R. R.

Perfs and Imperfs

CRASH COVER COLLECTORS WILL be interested in that movie "Blondie" based on the comic strip of the same name. However the crash covers in the movie are the result of one of Dagwood's "swooshes" from kitchen, past Baby Dumpling and Blondie holding his coat and hat, out the front door and into the mailman in one of those explosive headon collisions on the order of a grade crossing crash. The mailman is knocked flat on his back and out; and the air is filled with letters floating slowly to earth. If the surviving mail didn't consist of crash covers, then we need a new definition of that term.

"IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE," writes Edwin Brown of San Antonio, "that the commemorative issue by Peru for the Pan-American Conference, was printed in London." We agree with him that looks strange.

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Canton, Ohio—Annual Exhibition, Bourse and Dinner of the McKinley Stamp Club on Feb. 18-19 at Hotel Belden.

Cleveland, Ohio—Annual Party of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club on March 10-11-12 at Hotel Hollenden.

Columbus, Ohio—Annual Exhibition, bourse and dinner of the Columbus Philatelic Club, Feb. 4-5 at the Virginia Hotel.

Columbus, O.—Central Ohio Hobby Show sponsored by the Columbus Junior Chamber of Commerce, Feb. 21-26 at Memorial Hall.

Detroit, Mich.—Silver Jubilee Exhibition, Banquet and Bourse of the Michigan Stamp Club, Mar. 24-25-26 at Book-Cadillac Hotel.

Hollywood, Calif.—Fourth Annual Exhibition by the Poinsettia Stamp Club at the Poinsettia Playground, 7341 Willoughby Ave., Feb. 3-4.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—9th Annual Winter Phil. Exhibition by the St. Petersburg Stamp Club, Feb. 27 to March 3 at Federal Galleries.

Tampa, Fla.—Exhibition at the Hernando De Soto Pan-American Exposition, Jan. 31 to Feb. 18 by the Tampa Stamp Club.

The Forum

Brooklyn, N. Y.,
Dec. 28, 1938

Dear Sirs:

In 1939, baseball will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. Since this sport is considered the National Pastime, a game that all American young boys are encouraged to participate in instead of learning to carry arms as in most European countries, I think it fitting that the U. S. should issue a stamp in honor of this event. Many other countries have issued stamps honoring sports events, even baseball. A fitting date for the first day of issue would be the day of the All Star game in New York on July 11, and if possible I would even like to see the government set up a temporary P. O. in the Yankee Stadium and have it on the cancellation that day.

I could write a letter to Postmaster General Farley, but one letter would do very little good. You can start a philatelic movement better by writing about it in your paper. I think baseball is worth some official recognition by the Government since it is recognized unofficially due to the fact that on opening day the President, congressmen and other officials of Washington forget business and attend the game.

Yours truly,
Saul Insel.

• Dr. Emil H. Grubbe, newly elected President of the North Shore Philatelic Society is known as the "father of X-ray therapy" in the treatment of disease with the X-ray.

(MINT, FINE)

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400	10c Orange-yellow	1.00	.50	.40	.30
400-A	10c Orange	1.25	.60	.40	.30
401	1c Green, Perf. 10	.60	.30	.18	.12
402	2c Carmine, Perf. 10	.25	.12	.06	.04
403	5c Blue, Perf. 10	1.50	.70	.50	.40
404	10c Orange, Perf. 10	3.50	2.60	1.70	1.20

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Roumanian Forgeries

The Roumanian Philatelic Society Review reports forgeries of the 1927 Roumanian Geographical Society commemorative set, in addition to those previously reported in LINN'S. The 3 lei plus 7 lei can be readily told by the forgery having instead of vertical lines of shading under the word "JUBILEUL," a solid black heavy line. The 5 lei plus 5 lei has the same distinguishing characteristic under the line "SOC. R. R. DE GEOGRAFIE" and in addition has a capital "I" instead of lower case "i" in GEOGRAFIE as the use of a capital "I" is improper in most Roumanian words. In the 6 lei plus 4 lei most distinguishing characteristics are the "P" of "POSTA" and "B" of "JUBILEUL" having the loops of the letters solid instead of outlined and enclosing an open space.

S. P. A. Statement

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either repudiated or not fulfilled during that time as a result of investigation into the conduct of the Secretary's office; that a shortage of approximately \$2,000 in funds of the Society had been discovered at that time; that Coes had resigned and resignation accepted in October; and had since refused to hand over records or monies of the Society to a committee delegated by the officers to accept them. Further that the charges supposed to have been filed against the officers with the former chairman of the Board of Appeals had not been signed, nor would the chairman answer letters of inquiry as to their nature, etc.

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The Postage Stamp Parade

A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries

By RAY SHEPARD—1529 Duxberry Ave.—COLUMBUS, OHIO

ALEXANDRETTE—Mourning Stamps. Commemorating the death of Kemal Ataturk. Black border and "Sandjak d'Alexandrette" and date "10-11-1938" in three lines, with new value in black, as noted below, on stamps of Syria; quantities issued noted after each:

0.75p. (6,000)
1pi. (10,000)
A14—2p50, on 4pi. yellow-orange (50,000)
4pi. (50,000)
12½ on 15 pi. (6,000)

It is reported that dealers were not allowed to buy these stamps. Letters had to be handed in at the Post Office to be franked with these stamps.

(Benjamin T. Baroddy)

CHILE—Additional Value in New Series. Placed on sale January 7th. Paper wmkd., star in shield mult. perf. 13½x14:

10c. pink (agriculture)

(California Collectors Club)

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC— Lithographed, perf. 11, unwmkd. Similar to Scott's numbers noted below:

A131—1c. blue-green
A132—2c. pale claret
A133—5c. deep brown
A135—10c. pale orange
A136—20c. blue

(R. Roberts)

FRANCE—New values in Mercury design noted previously, change in color of one value noted by us Dec. 10th, as well as a new high value pictorial; perf. 14x13; all are engraved:



A93—15c. vermillion (Mercury)

A93—25c. blue green

A45—90c. ultramarine (change of color)

2fr. dark brown (Arc de Triumph of Orange)

Semi-Postal. Horizontal rectangular format, showing a blind man listening to the radio, perf. 13, engraved:

90c plus 25c. chocolate

(L. A. Russell)

FRENCH SOUDAN—New Color.



A6—1.75fr. deep ultramarine

(L. A. Russell)

JAPAN—National Parks Pictorials. Two lower values are upright and two higher horizontal, rectangular format. Unwmkd., paper, perf. 13:

2s. brown-orange (Volcano, Nantai, view taken from beach of the lake, Chuzenji, Nikko)

4s. yellow-green (Kegon Falls)

10s. deep carmine (Sacred bridge, Shinkyo of the Toshogu Shrine, crossing the river Daiya, Nikko)

20s. ultramarine (Volcano Hiuchidake, view taken from Ayamedaira, Oku-Nikko)

The above four stamps have also been issued in a souvenir sheet 5 1/16"x7 1/4", each stamp being fully perforated around the edge.

(Karl Lewis)
(H. Sanborn)

MADAGASCAR—New Colors.



A12—1fr. carmine

A10—1.50fr. sepia & carmine

(L. A. Russell)

NEW ZEALAND—Official Stamp. Under-noted stamp overprinted same as Scott's #562. Typographed, unwmkd., perf. 14:

PF7—5s. green

(R. Roberts)

TUNIS—New Value. Type of 1926, unwmkd., perf. 14x13½:



A12—65c. bright blue

(R. Roberts)

VENEZUELA—Air Post Stamps. Large upright 28x33mm., perf. 12½, unwmkd., plain white paper. Engraved, recess printing:

AP2—15c. pale blue

(R. Roberts)

• To meet a shortage of 10c stamps, the Colombian postal department overprinted a small quantity (exact quantity not stated) of the 12c 1937 Tequendama Falls stamp. Further supplies of the regular 10c are due from London.

Dated 20 Years Ahead

The other week we reported a U. S. post office had used a 1939 year date in its canceller during the latter part of 1938. L. L. Heinselman of Plymouth, Iowa, reports receiving a cover from Lum, Cameroun, bearing three of the current stamps, each cancelled with the unmistakably clear date of "12 SEP. 1938." He says the "5" is so clear that it is plain it is a figure "5" and not a defective "3." Cover was backstamped at Tours, France, on October 2, 1938.

• The reason the first issues of New Britain are so scarce is that German officials destroyed all their New Guinea stamps on hand when capture seemed imminent in the World War. Consequently, the only stamps the British had to overprint were some odds and ends overlooked by the Germans when preparing their bonfire.

• HALL RIDGE is a Harding County, Illinois, post office to be discontinued on February 15.

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Set of 12 val. to 1R	2.00
Set of 15 val. to 10R	9.85
Irish Commemoratives—Father Mathew	
Set of 2 Mint	.15
Papua New Air Mails—Jubilee of British Occupation, 5 values	.75
Tonga 20th Anniversary Set, 3 values	.15
Union of South Africa	
Special Commems., 2 val. in prs.	.15
Voortrekker set of 4 val. in prs.	.60
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Special Commems. Overprinted, 2 val. prs.	.15
Voortrekker set, Overprinted 4 val. prs.	.60
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50c Vancouver Harbor	.65
\$1.00 Chateau de Ramezay	1.25
Set of 5	2.15
6c Air Mail River Scene	.08
20c Spec. Delivery Cont. of Arms	.25
Complete set of 7 stamps	2.45
New North Borneo Pictorials	
Set of 12 values to 50c	1.25
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U. S. NOTES

Belatedly the complete story of the finding of the 6c air mail stamp imperforate horizontally has been told, through the columns of *Stamps*. Our readers will recall the brief report on this we published last summer, based on what one of our readers in New York supplied. His information was that 34 sheets of the 6c orange were found in this condition. It now develops that 40 sheets were actually found and of the new 6c bicolored airmail, not the orange stamp. These were found in a package of sheets at Brooklyn by two collectors planning to buy some of the new stamps for affixing to covers on May 15. This constitutes probably the largest quantity of any U. S. perforation error ever to reach philatelic marts, 1000 pairs in all. Of course since these sheets contain centerlines and double plate numbers, many blocks will be kept of those varieties. Prices asked by the group of dealers now offering the lot are of interest: pair, \$100; block of four, \$200; top block of ten with plate numbers, arrow and corners, \$850; centerline horizontal block of ten, \$750; full sheets, \$2500. Considering the quantity existing, it is interesting to compare these with the price of \$400 a block asked in 1931 for the Von Steuben imperforate. Of this error only a single sheet of 100 copies reached philatelic hands and at this price sold at a slow rate.

A W. P. A. worker found a 12c 1851 on cover, laying on the ground beneath a bridge recently according to a yarn in the *Chicago Philatelic Society News*. The man had ducked under the bridge during a shower, stooped over to tie his shoe lace and then saw the stamp on a ruined cover.

There are approximately 44,650 post offices in the United States. These figures do not include branches, stations, rural tributary offices, railway post offices, or sea post offices. Naval post offices come under "branches." Two-thirds of all post offices are fourth-class offices; these being those found in country stores, etc., the post office doing little business, equipped with a rubber hand stamp postmark-canceller and the postmaster being paid a percentage of the face value of the stamps he (or she) cancels on outgoing mails. The number of post offices is steadily decreasing due to consolidation and extension of rural delivery routes. The extension of the routes are due in turn to new roads and abandonment of railway branch service throughout the country.

After reaching a peak sale price of around \$90, full sheets of the 16c airmail special delivery Farley imperforate are now down between \$65 and \$75 as per the Mint Sheet Brokerage Bulletin of recent weeks.

The Stamp Trade

A discussion of Stamp Collecting and Stamp Dealing from the Business angle by the Managing Editor.

GEORGE W. LINN

NEW GROSSMAN LIST

Part Eight of Grossman's Catalog #86 was distributed recently. This section includes hundreds of additional offerings in recent sets and single stamp as well as packets. This is a wholesale list and consequently for dealers only. A copy may be obtained by writing the Grossman Stamp Co., 102 West Forty-second St., New York City.

GUTHKE AT NEW LOCATION

Richard Guthke, who for the past seven years has dealt in stamps at 46 E. Mound St., Columbus, has recently moved to a new location at 199 N. Remington Road. To sort of celebrate the move, he offered a full page of U. S. specials two weeks ago. Look it up, it's on the back page.

MEXICAN RARITIES

Scarce and rare items of the 1913-1930 period of Mexico are featured in the catalogue of M. Ohlman's 229th Sale. These are from the Ortega collection and include numerous er-

rors of Civil War years. The other 900 lots of the sale comprise U. S., and Foreign offerings of all kinds.

NEW TATHAM RETAIL LIST

The Tatham Stamp & Coin Co. have issued the second edition of their 1939 Price and Check List of U. S. Stamps; 24 pages, pocket size, a feature in the placing of three checking squares before each stamp number to enable the user to keep a check list of his collection or wants. A feature listing is an offering of superb pairs, strips, etc., of the Type I of the U. S. Automatic Vending Co., privately perforated coils of 1908-09. A copy of the list may be obtained by any collector free upon request of them at Springfield, Mass.

SECOND VOLUME FRASEK ORGAN

The Frasek Company of White Plains, N. Y., have issued the first number of the second volume of Frasek Stamp News, their house organ. As usual it contains notes of interest scattered among its 20 pages of offerings of new and recent issues. Copy free on request of them.

• "Crazy" Herget, Buffalo dealer, was recently elected Secretary of the Bison Philatelic Society.

• LASSEN is a new Alaskan post office, the office being 11 miles west of that named JACK WADE.

OPPORTUNITY! Speculator, Investor or Dealer!!

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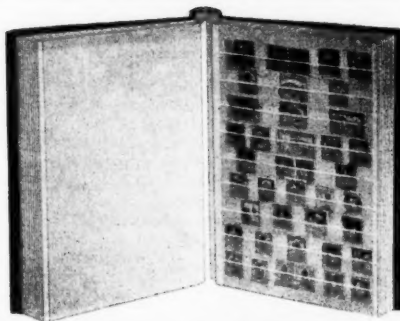
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Boise, Idaho 1½¢ reported in Jan. Bee. - - - Dayton, O. ½¢ seen going through the mails. - - - I know I am sticking out my beak when I say that I don't subscribe to the idea of mounting Presidential bureaus as they are announced. There can be no OFFICIAL date unless the postoffice officials take to announcing the dates when the stamps are placed on sale at the various offices and so far they have not shown any inclination of doing so. The order in which the stamps are reported means little or nothing in my opinion because it proves exactly nothing. A buro could have been used several weeks and no one reported it while another could have been reported as soon as received in the office and beat the former one by several days as far as the records show, but that would be far from the facts in the matter. - - - Here are some city types recently noted: 2c Brainerd, Minn. U-120; 5c Cumberland Md. U-121; 6c Henryetta, Okla. U-121; 12c Bastrop, La. U-121; 1c Springfield, Mo. U-3; Peru, Ind. 1c U-11; ½¢ Northridge, Calif. U-121 used on ESPECE; 1c and 1½¢ Charleston, Ill. U-121.

DATED CONTROLS

The picture as it stands today. They are not as common as some thought they would be. The ones that are press printed or the handstamps that have the dating as a part of the handstamp should prove to be the most sought after items. An allowance and difference must

be established between the dateds that are not legible and postcancelled precancels. Another thing to come to my attention is that it is apparent that some of the dating is applied after the stamps have been attached to the packages. I have had two instances recently brought to my notice which occurred. The overprinting was applied at random and in the haste several applications were near the stamps but not on them. We have hopes that this dating like our dreams will fade and die away.

BEGINNERS

Often I have been asked "What are the best kind of precancels to save?" These questions are often embellished with afterthoughts like this. 17c? Commemoratives? Bureaus?? or what? Well without a doubt Bureau Prints are the most stable and the most readily converted into cash. In the city type field double lines seem to be the cream of the crop but I imagine that Presidentials will crowd them out in a short time. Bi-Centers were IT a few short years back and before that it was something else. Printed type commemoratives are generally good. Dollar values and the odd values are always sought after. The 13s, 14s, 17s and 25s. Electros in doubles or triples of legitimate origin are always good. Likewise colored cancellations that are not favors are good property. Here is a thought tho, that any collection unless it is a specialized one of high class items throughout, must contain the common items to have completeness.

Postmaster General's Report

The nation is becoming increasingly philatelically-minded. That is the observation of Postmaster General James A. Farley, contained in his sixth annual report to president Roosevelt. In fact, it was the first time Farley made special mention of philately in an annual report. Sales to stamp collectors, Farley said, has not only become a permanent and important part of postal revenue but are "adding impulse to our national and historical culture."

Farley, in his report, gave an accounting of the activities of the stamp division during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1938, and it showed a busy 12 months. Post-office transactions in postage stamps and other stamped paper show sales totaling \$515,210,455.08, one percent less than last year but higher than the record for any other year since 1931.

Farley reported receipts from the sale of postage stamps for collection use through the philatelic agency totaled \$1,685,751.73 for the fiscal year. Although this is somewhat lower than the previous fiscal year figure, the number of mail

orders filled increased from 126,000 to 149,000 and, Farley added:

"There is every evidence that sales of stamps to collectors through local post offices, though unrecorded, are showing substantial gains every year in keeping with the increasing public interest in stamp collecting."

Farley hailed the new congressional action permitting illustration of U. S. postage stamps in their entirety for philatelic purposes, saying:

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Commemorative stamps, special issues, and the authorization of a new regular series featured the stamp division's activities during the fiscal year. Issuance of the new presidential series of 32 stamps has been completed. Commemorative issues which appeared during the fiscal year were for the sesquicentennial of the adoption of the ordinance of 1787, the 350th anniversary

of the birth of Virginia Dare, the sesquicentennial of the signing of the adoption of the constitution, and the tercentenary of the first colony of Swedes and Finns. Special series of four stamps were issued in recognition of Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. A souvenir stamp sheet, containing a reprint of the 10-cent Smoky Mountain National Park Stamp, was authorized, and a new issue of the 6-cent air-mail stamp made its appearance in conjunction with the observance of National Air Mail Week, May 15-21.

Farley reported that total revenue derived from migratory-bird hunting stamps was \$974,680.29 during the fiscal year.—Edwin Brooks.

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I Cover The Philippines

By A. STAMPMAN, Jr.

Hoping to find good copies of the 16c on 26c Arnacal stamp, I requested to be allowed to see all the remaining stock of the stamp, which the chief of the Philatelic Section kindly permitted. I was glad to note that there are several hundred still left but my heart sank within me when looking carefully over them I found all to be either off-centered or straight edged. There are some badly centered, the perforations cut to within two millimeters into the frame of another showing an apparent imperforated between. There were several green ones too, Scott's 407-a, but all straight edges.

An Arnacal variety of which I am a lucky discoverer and possessor is a vertical strip of seven showing a white line running from top to bottom. Philatelists call it "accordion." Evidently, the paper folded when printed, and when unfolded shows a white line.

The Rizal Birthday Issue (Scott's No. 402-404) is the second venture of the Philippines to print its own stamps. It is interesting to note that it presents a good study in the varieties of colors and shades. The 2c can be found printed in at least 7 shades, the 6c on 15 and the 36c on 5, each stamp varying from light to very dark of the original color.

Several people have asked me why these stamps are so under-cataloged as compared to other commemoratives released in the same year. For study I submit the following data:

Rizal's Birthday Issue: 2c—500,000, 6c—300,000, 36c—200,000.

Arnacal: 2c on 4c—2,000,000, 6c on 12c—500,000, 16c on 26c—300,000.

Quezon Stamps: 2c—5,000,000, 6c—1,000,000, 12c—500,000.

Several people explain the fact that the height of the Arnacal stamp is due to its being an air mail, though I doubt if it can truly be called an air mail. If I understand right, an air mail stamp is one printed by the government for use on air mail letters. The Arnacals

are but commemorative of a certain flight.

It is reliably known that the Philippines will issue a set to be known as "Triumphal Arc!" As to when it will be released, no commitments are yet made.

I was in the Philatelic Section one day in search of a bottom plate of the 24c Air Mail. Not able to find one in the supply of the clerk, I requested to be brought the main supply which she did. When all that is left of the 24c was shown to me, I was disappointed to note that all the bottom plates were detached. I was not offered an explanation.

Speaking of bottom plates, I find the same difficulty with the 1935 Pictorials overprinted COMMONWEALTH. While in this case they are not detached, the sheets were so cut to fit the overprinting machine that there is a very small portion of the number left. In many cases the numbers are hardly readable.

There is much speculation going along in the P. I. Airmails. In spite of their being cataloged low, I know of a dealer who is keeping plenty in stock. Asked on what basis he is doing this, he explained that these airmails are part of the 1932 Pictorials from which the Von Graunau were also taken. If you know what he is talking about, you will agree with him that he is logically correct. But is it going to be practical? It remains to be seen.

The Philippine Amateur Stamp Collectors Club, composed wholly of Amateur Collectors (in the sense that they are not dealers) celebrated its first Anniversary with a banquet held at the Central Student YMCA on November 7th, 1938. It has a national membership and at a recent meeting of the club, a motion was approved to extend its activities to other amateur stamp collectors of the world. The motion was prompted by several requests from collectors, especially from the United States. The club has its Jr. Division. All collectors interested in joining this club may address their communications to the Secretary, Philippine Amateur Stamp Collectors' Club, 350 Arroceros Street, Manila, PHILIPPINES.

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ALWAYS SOMETHING in RG mixture. Really Good Mixture, 20c a hundred. C. Hackett, Provincetown, Mass. (tf*)

CEYLON MIXTURE of the finest for all dealers doing packet and approval trade. 1,000 with at least 80 varieties mainly pictorial with higher values \$4.00 net. You can't possibly go wrong on this lot. Air Mail saves 15 days and cover back to you. Ribbons, Tea Planter, Balangoda, Ceylon. (tf*)

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PHILATELIC EXPO SHEET, Stamp show posters, beautiful American and foreign poster stamps. On approval. Also my famous line of Christmas Seals, American and Foreign. State Tax stamps for approval buyers. Ben L. Morris, Bellaire, Ohio. (tf*)

POSTER STAMPS and Christmas Seals. Lists and 1909 Xmas seal or 15 Foreign Poster Stamps all different for dime and 3c stamp. No postals. Dunning, Wilmington, North Carolina. (tf*)

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SHEPARD STAMP NEWS 10c a year. Three years for 25c. 150 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois. (tf*)

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RARE COINS

FREE: Foreign Coin, Banknote, and large illustrated coin catalog, for 3c postage. Coin approvals sent. Tatham Coinco, Springfield, Ill. (tf*)

COIN BOARDS (Whitman make) dozen \$1.62 postpaid. Coins, stamps, bought, sold. Kraus, 411 W. Juneau, Milwaukee, Wisc. (87)

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U. S. POSTAGE 90c on the \$1.00; also mint, used Commemoratives, precancels, foreign. Prompt remittance. Langer, 761 Sixth Ave., New York. (42*)

THESE STAMPS on cover: Spain Goya Nudes; Colombian Republic Insured letter (Cubiertas) and State of Bolivar #2-3; Germany 60 milliards 1923. Also South Australia on or off cover with official initial overprints. R. W. Richardson, c/o Linprint Inc., Columbus, Ohio. (tf)

FAIR PRICES paid for collections, accumulations, U. S., Foreign. Minimum shipment \$10.00. Walter Gisiger, 200 Broadway, New York. (tf*)

95% FACE VALUE, paid unused U. S. postage. Any amount, denominations. Philatelic Service, 7 West 44th St., N.Y.C. (85)

WANTED—STAMPS UNUSED, full gum U. S. 90c on \$1.00. Prompt remittance. Philatelic Service, 7 West 44th St., N.Y.C. (85)

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GOLD COINS. Pay \$28.00 for any \$20.00; \$14.00 for \$10.00; \$7.00 for \$5.00. Higher premiums for rare dates. J. M. Henderson, 51 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio. (88)

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JUST OFF THE PRESS—1939 U. S. Wholesale list featuring 1200 mint and used items at competitive prices. Free to dealers. Send postage. Metropolitan Stamps, 198 Broadway, New York City. (tf*)

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• **SWIFT** is a Roseau County, Minnesota, post office, which on March 31st will take one final fling at living up to its name, by swiftly removing itself from the post office roster.

Naval Cancells — Cachets

By **FREDERICK W. HORTON**
ANCS 658

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(*) Means include forwarding of 1c per cover.

Jack McLennan, 2056 West 13th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., Canada, announces the following events: Send 5 covers franked with Canadian stamps for mailings from Canadian destroyers, during the visit of King George VI. This will include a cachet from H.M.S. Repulse, the ship bringing the King to Canada. Deadline April 20th. Send up to 10 covers for mailings from U. S. Ships, the first to be 25th birthday of the USS Texas. Deadline Feb. 20th. Cachet will be in blue and silver. Send standard size envelopes (*).

Murray Hart, 527 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth, N. J., will sponsor a cachet for the opening day at the New York World's Fair. Send covers prepared and ready to go (*). Covers will be mailed from several naval ships at New York. Have seen a proof of the cachet and it is very appropriate for the event.

A. A. Christensen, 2855 Jackson Street, Alameda, Calif., will have a cachet for St. Patrick's Day. Cachet will be printed. Send covers unsealed but stuffed (*). Covers received after Feb. 24th will be held for the next event.

The ANCS Argonauts will sponsor a cachet for the 1000th dive of the USS Nautilus. Send cover (*) to Alex Hesse, Jr., 449 Troutman Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Deadline for covers is Feb. 28th.

T. G. Nicholson, P. O. Box 32, Portsmouth, Va., will sponsor covers for Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays. Only obsolete cancels will be on these events. Send covers (*) right away, as these events are not so far away.

The David Bushnell Chapter No. 48 USCS will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day cachet mailed from 3 different ships. Send 634 covers (*) by March 2nd, to Fred O. Lammlin, 112 Butler Street, New Haven, Conn.

Paul J. Gross, 1510 Leishman Ave., Arnold, Penna., will obtain cancels from the following ships: USS Idaho, Relief, New Mexico, Warrington, Yorktown, Dunlap, Argonne, Blue, Brooklyn, Bridge, Pompano, Northampton, Colorado, Houston, Gannet. Send any number of unsealed covers (*). No cachet however. Deadline for this mailing of covers is Mar. 15th.

T. G. Nicholson of Portsmouth, Va., writes in to say that covers sent him for his Xmas cachet were mailed on the First Day P. O. of the Acushnet. Nicholson took advantage of this event as after all Xmas cancels can always be obtained, but a First Day P. O. only once, and Nicholson hopes all collectors receiving these covers were satisfied.

Walt Czuby, 3117—36th Street, Astoria, L. I., N. Y., will sponsor the following event. Fleet Week at the New York World's Fair. The Atlantic fleet will visit the New York World's Fair in May and a special World's Fair ships will be sponsored for this event. 30 ships will be covered, and cachet will feature the emblem of the Worlds Fair.

Paul J. Gross, address above, has extended the deadline on his mailing of covers. The new deadline is Feb. 3rd. Covers will be mailed from the USS Luzon, Maury, Medusa, Mississippi, Vega, Nashville, Pennsylvania, Neches, New York, Oahu, Quail, Ranger, Salinas, Saratoga, Savannah and Sea Gull. Send covers unsealed and unstuffed (*). No cachets however on this event either.

• By law, Haiti recently demonitised the 50 centimes and 1 piastre denominations of the type of 1906, original issue as well as later issues with overprints. Rather late it seems to protect postal revenues, considering the long period of semi-annual revolutions ended some years ago.